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To : Dean Clayton Rich

FROM : Prof. J. Lederberg

SUBJECT: Instrumentation Laboratory Equipment

As we discussed recently, the graceful termination of the I.R.L. of this department appears to be one of the inevitable incidents of my leaving. On the positive side, this will clearly make available a substantial amount of space for other programs of the department and the school, albeit in directions quite different from those envisaged by NASA in their original construction grant. Besides the space, NASA also furnished the funds for capital equipment, further augmented by funds from NIH. As we have the opportunity to continue some of these programs at Rockefeller University, I believe it would be consistent with our moral obligation to these agencies to authorize the transfer of that equipment for that purpose. This will also facilitate the feasible transfer of a research grant application to the NIEHS, which depends on that equipment, and in turn the continuity of support for Dr. Dennis Smith, who, otherwise would be severely injured by this move.

None of this equipment pertains to the major computer resource, SUMEX-AIM, which will remain at Stanford under Prof. Feigenbaum's direction.

I have discussed these arrangements with Dr. Levinthal and my other colleagues, with their full approval.

Your timely approval of the requested endorsement would be greatly appreciated.



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